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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: NSC Meeting on MX Basing, 1400, 18 November 1982

1. The key question for you to answer at the NSC meeting on 18 November was conveyed to John McMahon by Secretary Weinberger last week: How soon can the Soviets respond to the MX in a closely spaced basing mode of deployment and with what?

2. The attached book contains the materials recommended for your use at the NSC meeting in discussing potential Soviet capabilities against MX-CSB:

--The DCI Talking Paper contains a summary of how the Soviets could respond and how soon.

--The OSWR paper contains the more detailed assessments from which the points in the Talking Paper were drawn.

--Tab D contains an excerpt of our contribution to the NSC paper on the subject of Soviet responses to the MX-CSB, which emphasizes the soft lander, followed by the supporting OSWR analysis. This appraisal has drawn some objections from Air Force representatives as overestimating potential Soviet responses.

--The other items in the book contain background information.

3. Finally, I have attached to this memo for your information my observations about the MX decision, some of which go beyond the intelligence assessments for which you are responsible. Also attached, is a background paper prepared by [redacted] on the foreign policy implications of MX deployment.

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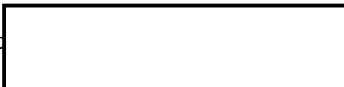
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